IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON DIVISION

DONALD ANTHONY WORKMAN,

Petitioner,

v. CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:22-cv-00165

TIMOTHY KING, Superintendent, Southwestern Regional Jail and Correctional Facility,

Respondent.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

On April 6, 2022, the Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, filed his *Application to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees and Costs* (Document 1) and his *Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody* (Document 2). By *Standing Order* (Document 4) entered on April 8, 2022, the matter was referred to the Honorable Dwane L. Tinsley, United States Magistrate Judge, for submission to this Court of proposed findings of fact and recommendation for disposition, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636.

On April 18, 2022, the Magistrate Judge submitted a *Proposed Findings and Recommendation* (Document 7) wherein it is recommended that this Court find that the Petitioner's § 2255 Petition is unexhausted and premature, that the Court deny without prejudice the Petitioner's *Application to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees and Costs* (Document 1), and dismiss without prejudice his *Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody* (Document 2) pending the exhaustion of the available state court

remedies. Objections to the Magistrate Judge's Proposed Findings and Recommendation were

due by May 5, 2022.

Neither party has timely filed objections to the Magistrate Judge's *Proposed Findings and*

Recommendation. The Court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the

factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or

recommendation to which no objections are addressed. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985).

Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of de novo review and the Petitioner's right

to appeal this Court's Order. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see also Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363,

1366 (4th Cir. 1989); United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir. 1984).

Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS and incorporates herein the findings and

recommendation of the Magistrate Judge as contained in the Proposed Findings and

Recommendation. The Court FINDS that that the Petitioner's § 2255 Petition is unexhausted and

premature. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that the Petitioner's *Application to Proceed Without*

Prepayment of Fees and Costs (Document 1) be **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**, that his

Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody

(Document 2) be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE pending the exhaustion of the

available state court remedies, and that this matter be **REMOVED** from the Court's docket.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a certified copy of this Order to Magistrate Judge

Tinsley, counsel of record, and any unrepresented party.

ENTER:

May 12, 2022

RENE C BERGER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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